# 2014 – 2015 BUDGET PRELIMINARY OVERVIEW

Department of Finance April 23, 2013

# **OVERVIEW**

- Budget process
  - Statutory requirements
  - Budget timeline
- Review of past experience
- Preliminary financial forecast
- Potential budget issues

# **BUDGET PROCESS**

- Designed to maximize engagement
- Based to Council policies and core priorities
- Identifies key issues
- Adheres to statutes
- Uses a Performance Management structure

## BUDGET PROCESS — STATUTORY GUIDANCE

- City Manager is required to propose the budget
- Council is required to hold two public hearings and adopt the budget by August 15th
- Budget is based on Fund Accounting
  - Each Fund stands alone
  - Fund expenditure limits cannot be exceeded

## **BUDGET PROCESS — TENTATIVE TIMELINE**

April 23 – Budget Workshop

May 21 – Budget, Performance Measures Workshop

June 26 – DAB Meeting

July 16 – City Manager Proposes Budget

July 23 – Workshop (tentative)

August 6 – Public Hearing

August 13 – Council Adopts the Budget

## PAST EXPERIENCE - GENERAL FUND

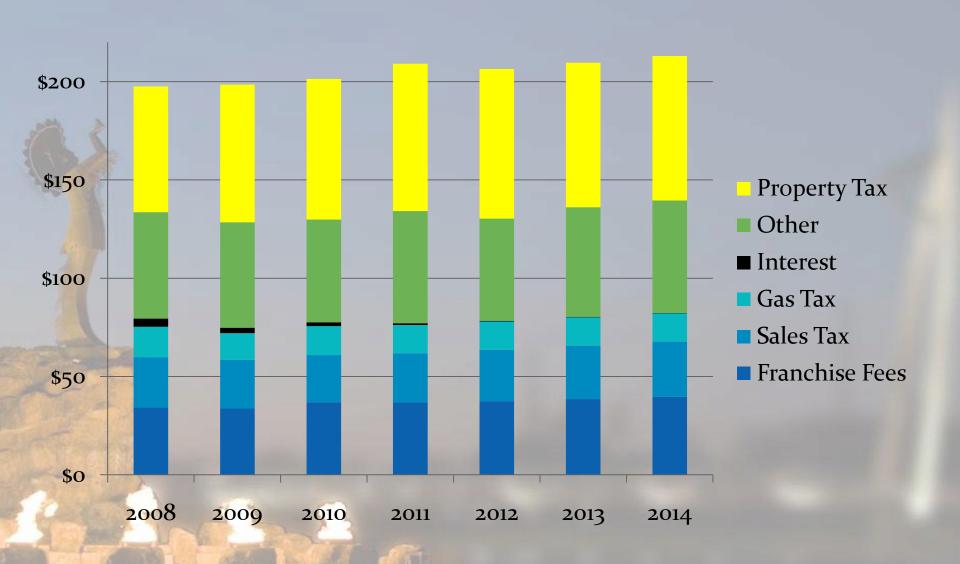
- Revenues largely stable since 2008; however, recent trend is slightly upward
- Expenditures are flat; challenging cost drivers include pension contributions, health insurance, fuel
- End of year surpluses since 2009; Reserves maintained above the minimum policy level

## EXPENDITURE MODEL

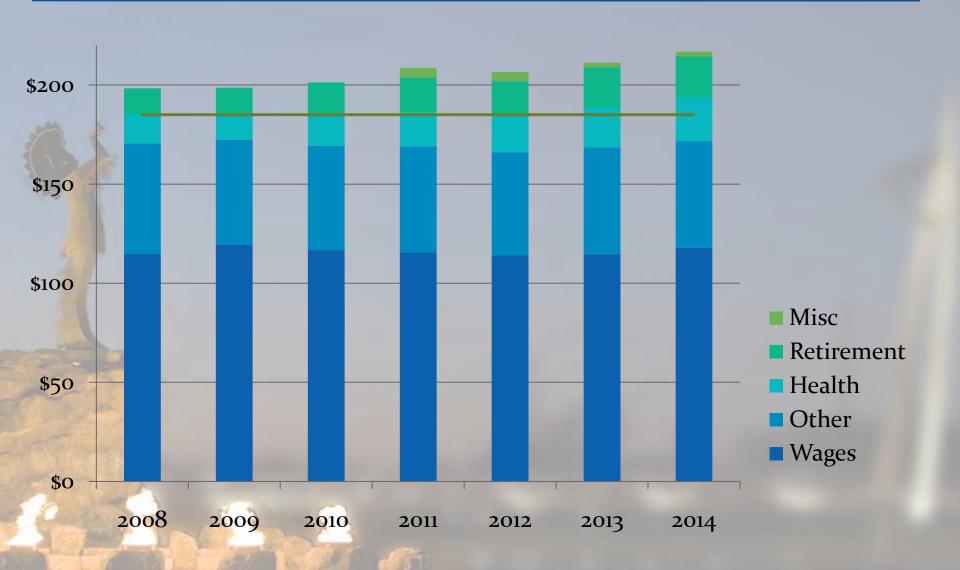
- Recognize what's important (priorities)
- Ensure what's important is operated efficiently
- Maintain fiscal discipline and sustainability



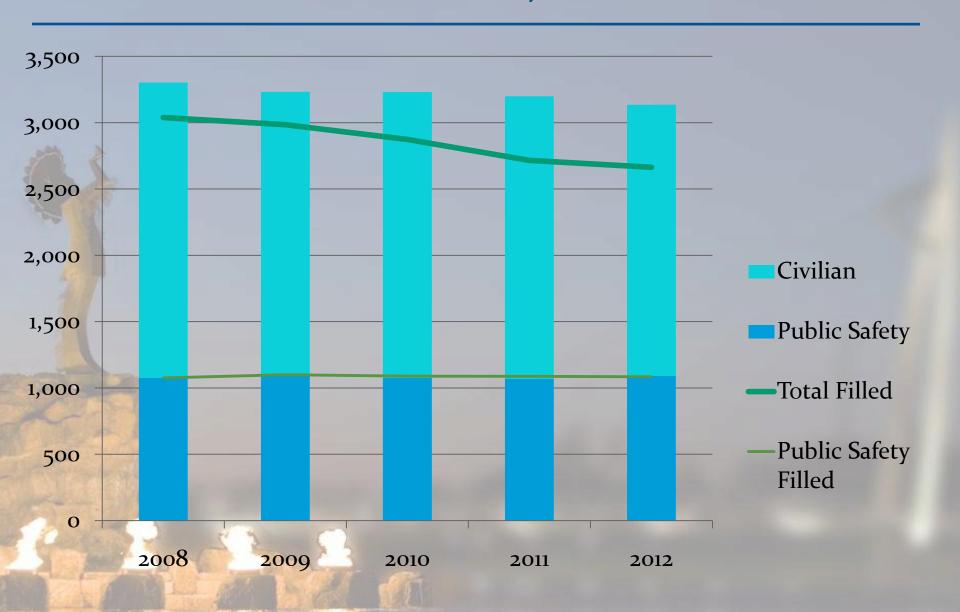
# GENERAL FUND REVENUES



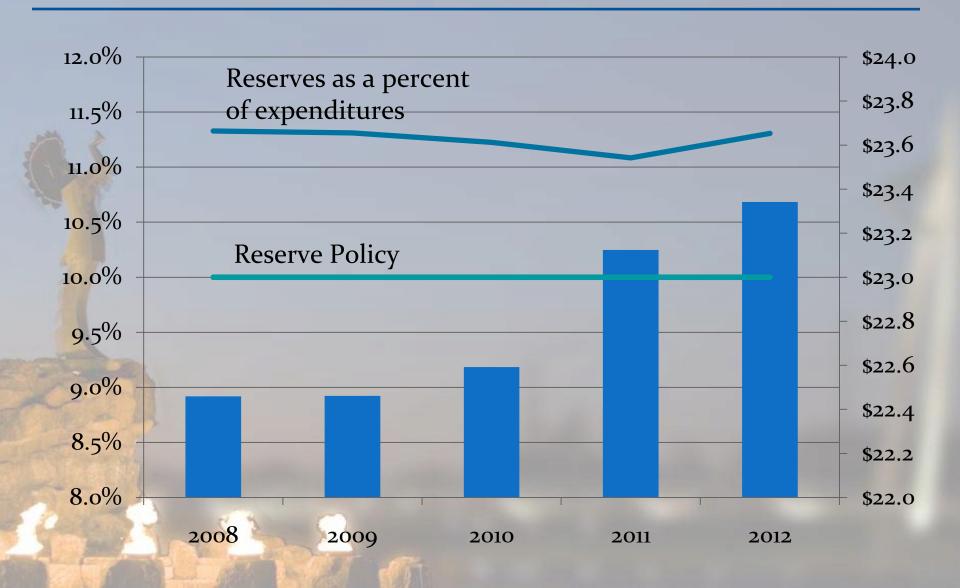
# GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



## PRIORITIZATION OF STAFFING; FUNDING PRIORITIES



# PAST EXPERIENCE — RESERVE LEVELS



## GENERAL FUND REVENUE ISSUES

- Sales tax and franchise fees expected to grow
- Assessed valuation recovering
- Fines and penalties growth expected
- Interest earnings non-existent
- Gas tax flat
- Charges, rents, licenses expected to be static

## GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE ISSUES

- Initial projections based on presumed filling of vacant positions
  - Pension and fuel pressures moderating in 2014
  - Health Insurance costs in 2013 has decreased
  - No presumed policy or priority changes

# GENERAL FUND PROJECTION

	2012	2013 Adopted	2013	2014	2015
Revenue	206.6	213.9	210.0	213.3	217.8
Expenditures	206.4	213.9	211.3	216.9	222.7
Net	0.2	0.0	(1.3)	(3.6)	(4.9)

#### OTHER FUND PROJECTIONS

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- Merger is progressing, will result in budgetary adjustments
- Revenues are increasing with market recovery, fund is stable

## **Transit**

 Operating structure under review; fund is stabilized through 2014

## OTHER FUND PROJECTIONS

### **Debt Service Fund**

- Impacted by lower valuation growth, mill levy shift
- Major CIP projects reaching approval phase will impact the fund in 2015-2016

### **Local Sales Tax Fund**

- Stable with sales tax growth, but less margin due to leveraging State TWORKS funds (US 400)

## **OTHER ISSUES**

- Integrate the impact of CIP projects into the operating budget
  - Improve cost recovery as appropriate
  - Solidify wage rates in 2014
- Maintain strategic filling of vacant positions

## **NEXT STEPS**

- Consideration of policies (fund mill levies, reserve levels)
- Reaffirmation of strategic priorities
- Consideration of performance levels
- Review of operating strategies
- Integration of feedback

# NEXT STEPS — TENTATIVE TIMELINE

May – City Manager meets with Department staff

May 21 – Budget, Performance Measures Workshop

May – WIN meeting to review forecasts and issues

June 3, 6 DAB meetings to review forecasts and issues

June – Develop tentative recommendations

June 26 – DAB Meeting

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